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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Provisions of circular of April 16, 1901, extended to include hides and other merchanise—Disinfection of hides and other merchandise.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., July 19, 1901.

GENTLEMEN: Referring to the Department's circular of April 16, 1901, in regard to certificates of disinfection of rags exported to the United States, I now have to inform you that the provisions of that circular are hereby extended to cover hides and all other merchandise subject to disinfection under the laws and regulations.

A letter on the subject from the Treasury Department is appended.

Respectfully, DAVID J. HILL, *Assistant Secretary.*

CONSULAR OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, D. C., June 25, 1901.

SIR: Referring to that portion of your communication of the 12th instant, regarding the certificate for rags to accompany said rags from the point of origin in the interior of any foreign country to the seaport, for ultimate destination to the United States, and to the recommendation of the United States consul-general at Frankfort, to the effect that these certificates be extended to cover hides and all other wares subject to disinfection under the laws, I have the honor to inform you that the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service has reported upon a copy of that letter, which was sent to him, to the effect that such extension of certificate will be desirable from a sanitary standpoint, and this Department, therefore, concurs in the opinion of the consul-general in the matter.

Respectfully, O. L. SPAULDING, *Acting Secretary.*

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

Old rubber shoes and rubber waste from Russia need not be disinfected except for special reasons.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., July 31, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, requesting that the consul at Hamburg be informed that old rubber shoes and rubber waste shipped from Russia to the